

and wife lie buried in the porch of Whitchurch-cum-Denbigh. He is represented as an Alderman kneeling before an altar, with nine sons behind him and seven daughters behind his wife. A mural brass fixed in the wall records the names and dates of the deaths of himself and his wife, and the names of their numerous issue, together with the following quaint epitaph:—

In vayne wo bragg and boaste of blood, in  
vayne of sinne we vaunte,  
Syth fleshe and blood must lodge at last where  
nature us did graunte ;  
So where he lyeth that lyved of late with love  
and favoeur muche,  
To fynde his friend, and feel his foes, his  
countrey skante had suche,  
When lyff did well reporte his death, whose  
death his lyff doyth trye,  
And poyntes with fynger what he was that here  
in claythe dothe lye ;  
His virtues doth enroll his actes ; his tombe  
shall tell his name :  
His sonnes and daughters left behynd shall  
blase on earth his fame.  
Look under feete, and yow shall fynde upon  
the stone yow stande  
The race he ranne—the lyff he lead—eatch with  
an upright hande.

The reference to the “upright hande” in the above epitaph refers to the arms of the family, placed on another brass inlaid in a stone slab at the foot of this monument.

Of the sons of Richard Middleton several were men of distinguished characters, and founded distinct families in Denbighshire, which we shall separately notice. The whole of the sixteen children of Richard Middleton and Jane Dryhurst were as follows:—

1. *Richard Middleton*, from whom came the Middletons of Cadwgan Hall, Wrexham. (See Pedigree A.)

2. *Simon Middleton*. His wife's name was Lettice, and he is said to have left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth.

3. *William Middleton*, naval captain and poet. He signalised himself by saving the English Fleet, sent in 1591 to intercept some Spanish galleons off the Azores.

“When his one bark a navy did defy.”